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SUBJECT: GOS OFFICIAL DENIES REPORT OF YUGOSLAV TRANSFER OF
SWEDISH RANGE FINDERS TO EGYPT

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SWEDISH MEDIA CARRYING
REPORTS, ORIGINALLY APPEARING IN ISRAELI PRESS ALLEGING THAT
YUGOSLAVIA DELIVERED 300 SOVIET T-62 TANKS (SIC) TO EGYPT,
SOME OF WHICH WERE EQUIPPED WITH SWEDISH LASER RANGE
FINDERS. SOME 300 SWEDISH RANGE FINDERS WERE ORDERED
BY THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT FROM M. ERICSSON
OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY HALF HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO BELGRADE. THE
DELIVERIES WERE MADE UNDER AN AGREEMENT PROHIBITING EXPORT, THE
REPORTS SAID. STOCKHOLM INDEPENDENT PAPER, DAGENS NYHETER
QUOTED ISRAELI MILITARY OFFICIALS AS TELLING ITS
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CORRESPONDENT IN JERUSALEM THAT WHILE ISRAELIS REGARDED

TRANSFER OF SWEDISH RANGE FINDERS TO EGYPT AS "SERIOUS" MATTER, THEY DO NOT CONSIDER IT OF "EARTHSHAKING" IMPORTANCE. PAPERS ALSO QUOTED SWEDISH MFA SOURCE AS SAYING THAT ISRAELIS HAD SO FAR NOT RAISED ISSUE WITH GOS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. KNUT THYBERG, MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL WITHIN MFA FOR APPROVING MILITARY LICENSES, FLATLY DENIED TO POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT ANY OF LASER RANGE FINDERS SOLD TO YUGOSLAVIA HAD BEEN RE-EXPORTED TO EGYPT. THYBERG DESCRIBED REPORT AS "OLD, RECURRING RUMOR, WHICH HAS NO RPT NO BASIS IN FACT." HE SAID GOS HAS DISCUSSED MATTER WITH YUGOSLAVS, WHO HAVE GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT NONE OF THE DEVICES HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO EGYPT. THEREFORE. THYBERG CONTINUED, GOS IS "SATISFIED" THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO VIOLATION OF THE SALES AGREEMENT WITH BELGRADE, WHICH THE GOS WOULD REGARD WITH THE "UTMOST SERIOUSNESS." THYBERG ADDED THAT THE ISRAELIS HAVE NOT RAISED ISSUE WITH MFA BUT SHOULD THEY DO SO, THEY WOULD BE TOLD THAT THERE IS NO TRUTH TO REPORTS. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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